

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 remain active in this case, and Claims 1, 6-9, and 14-16 are amended to be clearer as to the stencil rotary conveying members contact and to be consistent with the specification's alternative usage of "stencil or master" (see the specification at page 9, line 17, for example.) Accordingly, these claims have been amended without the introduction of any new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action the application was indicated as being allowable except for the formal matters of correcting informalities in Claims 1 and 9 as to the interchangeable use of "master" and "stencil."

With respect to the informalities of Claims 1 and 9, Claims 1 and 9 are amended to more clearly describe and distinctly claim Applicant's invention using the alternative term "stencil." Support for these amendments is found in the specification, as noted above. Claims 6-8 and 14-16 are amended, without adding new matter, to be consistent with the amendments to Claims 1 and 9 to use only the alternative term "stencil." These corrective measures have been taken instead of the recommended use of the "master stencil" language because this suggested language would be in conflict with the alternative specification language noted above.

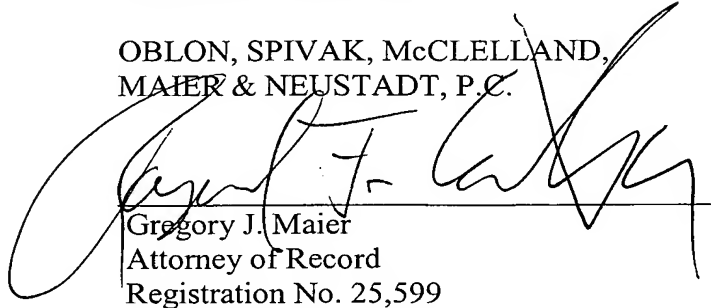
In addition, the specification and Abstract are amended to correct minor informalities without adding new matter.

Finally, Applicant respectfully requests that the replacement sheets filed on June 28, 2004 be indicated as accepted.

Therefore, since no further issues remain outstanding in this case, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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